

REMARKS

Pending Claims:

In this application, claims 4, 5, 8, 10, 12-14, 16-23 and 27-29 are currently pending. Claim 27 is directly amended by this Response, and claims 28 and 29 are amended indirectly through dependence on claim 27.

Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Allowed Subject Matter:

The Applicant notes that the Examiner has allowed claims 4, 5, 8, 10, 12-14, 16-23, all pending claims excepting claims 27-29.

Claims 27-29:

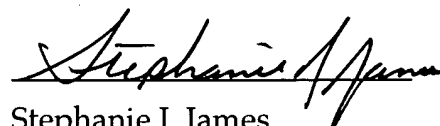
Claims 27-29 were rejected as being anticipated by Ritchart. The applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is moot in light of the amendment above. The applicant further submits that claims 27-29 are patentably distinct from Ritchart. Ritchart fails to disclose a cutting element that is slidably guided on the hollow body in parallel to the longitudinal axis of the body, and with the cutting element pivoting outward from the hollow body for use.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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